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Reds Made Swedish Spy A General

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Col. Stig Wennerstrom, now on trial here on espionage charges, was secretly given the rank of a Soviet major general while serving as Swedish air attache in Washington.

He also had applied for Soviet citizenship and a Russian passport, according to a report of a Swedish parliamentary commission. The report was made public here today.

When Wennerstrom began spying for the Russians as an assistant air attache in Moscow 15 years ago, he received 5000 rubles a month from his Soviet employers. After delivering important military secrets, he was given the right to draw any amount at will. However, he was cautioned by the Russians not to live too high and was promised a final sum that was to have been fixed at a meeting in Vienna late in 1963. He was arrested last June.

Paid \$750 a Month

During his five years service as air attache in Washington he received \$750 a month, including expenses, from the Russians. He has admitted that during his time in Washington he carried on "very extensive espionage directed against the United States."

According to the commission's report, Wennerstrom said that he had undertaken "two minor" Secret Service assignments for the United States directed against the Soviet Union while serving in Washington and had also done a couple of errands for American intelligence during his

period as air attache in Moscow.

Stockholm evening newspapers reported that Wennerstrom was preparing to escape to Spain at the time of his arrest. The papers said that he was planning to continue espionage there on NATO installations.

While the parliamentary commission did not reach any conclusion regarding the government's alleged laxity in failing to put an earlier end to Wennerstrom's 15 years of spying, it pointed out that Defense Minister Sven Andersson had appointed Wennerstrom to key positions although he had known for four years he was a "security risk."

Points to 4 Ministers

The report also pointed a finger at four other Cabinet Ministers who refused to consider seriously reports that Wennerstrom was suspect. They included former Foreign Minister Osten Unden, under whom the Swedish officer worked as an expert on disarmament with access to top secret military information.

The report now goes to the judiciary committee of Parliament, which is expected to initiate a debate in the lower house late next month.

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